

**Public record pursuant to s39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Proposal Title:** Ashburton Infrastructure Project

**Proposal Location:** West Pilbara

**Case Number:** CMS 18094

**Date referral received:** 26 October 2021

**Date more information received:** 4/11/21, 12/11/21 and 5/1/22

**Referrer:** Onslow Iron Pty Ltd

**Proponent:** Onslow Iron Pty Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of 1,564 ha of native vegetation; Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of habitat; Inland Waters from impacts from the haul road and risk of spills and leaks; Marine Fauna from vessel collision and underwater noise; Benthic Communities and Habitat from dredging and decreased water quality; Marine Environmental Quality from impacts to water quality during construction and discharge from desalination plant; and Social Surroundings from noise; and Greenhouse gas emissions from construction and operation.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:**

Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Marine Fauna, Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Social Surroundings and Greenhouse gas emissions

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	14
<i>Total submissions:</i>	14

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) - Assess

**Level of assessment:** Assess on Referral information with additional Information requested - Two week public review

**Explanation of decision:**

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are significant. A detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental impacts could be managed.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.

**Professor Matthew Tonts**



CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 23 February 2022